



Veterans Home - Chippewa Falls

12.29.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

COVID -19 Update:

No additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been identified since our last update. We currently have two team members who are diagnosed with COVID-19, and no member cases.

Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	2 (two employees)
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	0
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	85 (twenty-five members, fifty-seven employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	2 (one member, one employee)
Total Recovered (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	81 (twenty-two members, fifty-six employees, three contracted individuals)

CDC Changes:

Recently, you may have heard that the CDC has recommended shortening the isolation and quarantine periods for those who have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic. We will keep you updated as our guidelines on isolation and quarantine change.

We will continue to test individuals as needed to quickly identify any additional cases.

Please know that our goal is to safeguard your health and safety— especially as highly transmissible variants of COVID-19, like Omicron and Delta, are becoming more widespread in the United States.

While we permit visitors at all times, we ask that anyone who feels ill or has any symptom of COVID-19 to postpone their visit. While you are visiting with your loved ones, please wear a face mask, practice physical distancing as appropriate, and limit your movement throughout our community as much as possible.

COVID-19 Plan:

Our comprehensive COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Plan is in place to help our team prioritize the health and safety of everyone who lives in and works at the Veterans Home. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members be vaccinated against COVID-19 while encouraging members and families to get the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose;

- Screening and monitoring members, team members, and visitors for symptoms;
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly;
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected;
- Testing members and team members based on federal and state guidance;
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control measures;
- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures;
- Taking environmental safety precautions, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visit;
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities with social distancing; and
- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons.

Please see our website for our full COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan. We will continue to update you with any changes.

Finally, I cannot encourage you enough to get vaccinated against COVID-19, get your COVID-19 booster shot, and obtain your flu shot if you haven't already. Please contact us if you need assistance or would like more information.

I look forward to another year of serving you and your loved ones with safe, quality care and services in a values-driven environment. On behalf of our entire team at the Veterans Home, have a very Happy—and safe— New Year!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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